

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the cited prior art as it has been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter. Tanabe et al (US Patent 6,735,230 B1) in combination with Abe (US PG Pub 2002/0021725 A1) disclose a semiconductor laser device similar to the claimed invention. However, Tanabe et al fail to disclose the electrodes are wire-bonded at a position directly behind the semiconductor laser element with respect to a laser-light emitting direction because Tanabe et al disclose the electrodes 33 & 34 are wire-bonded at a position to the sides of the semiconductor laser 30 as shown in figure 9b. Claims 2, 3 and 5-7 are also allowable as they directly or indirectly depend on claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUANDA ZHANG whose telephone number is (571)270-1439. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm EST.

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